

Minutes of a Meeting of Ilketshall St Andrew and St John Land Management Company Ltd. held at Ilketshall St Andrew Village Hall on 25th April 2023 at 7 p.m.

Present: Tim Bascy-Fisher (T B-F) (Chairman)
John Bedwell (JB) (Secretary)
Rod Apps (RA)
Gerald Godfrey (GG)
Lea Ingham (LI)
Jack Poulden (JP)
Chris Roberts (CR)

1. Welcome and Apologies

1.1 The Chairman welcomed everybody. Roo Lee sent her apologies.

2. Status of New Directors

2.1 Increasing the number of directors from six to eight has proved more difficult than anticipated. The Company's Articles of Association need to be amended to reflect the changes before being sent to Companies House but unfortunately, they only exist in paper form. Lovewell Blake have said that they can convert the paper form into a digital one containing the amendments and lodge them with Companies House for about £200. It was agreed that the number of directors should be increased to 10 in case of further increases in the future, (though none were anticipated), and that Lovewell Blake be instructed to carry out the work. **Action: JB**

3. Minutes of the Meetings of 9th January and 31st January 2023

3.1 The minutes of these two meetings were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matter Arising not elsewhere covered in the Agenda

4.1 There were no matters arising.

5. Finance

5.1 The current financial position showed total funds of £76318. Since the last meeting there has been no receipts but there had been payments for a number of items which were detailed in the accounts that had been previously circulated.

5.2 As agreed at the meeting in January, a further £10,000 has been invested in a fixed rate bond. This is with Cambridge and Counties Bank at a rate of 3.75%. Hampshire Trust Bond Number 2 matures on 25th April and it was agreed to re-invest for one year at a rate of 3.7%. **Action: JB**

5.3 It was agreed to renew the Company's membership of Suffolk Wildlife Trust and include a donation, a total of £200 and pay £50 for the hire of the Village Hall on 25th February (AGM) and tonight. **Action: JB**

5.4 T B-F confirmed that the application for BPS 2023 had been submitted.

5.5 Sources of future funding was discussed. T B-F will investigate what is available via Suffolk FWAG and Tim Schofield. JP will speak to Sam Brown to see what surveys she recommends. **Action: T B-F, JP**

6. LMC Website and LMC Promotion

6.1 CR reported that the website has been updated as and when necessary. He thought that the website needed a refresh and additional videos would a way of achieving that.

7. Winter Work Programme

7.1 There had been several work parties with enthusiastic volunteers. Overhanging branches at Beck's Green had been removed and sallows by the pond at Great Common south had been cleared in order to let more light in.

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7.2 A tree has fallen into The Mardle but Openreach need to remove an entangled cable before it could be dealt with.

7.3 Any work recommended by the tree survey will need to be addressed in the autumn.

8. Implementation of Management Plan 2023 - 2024

8.1 RA provided an update on the boundaries project which he will continue to pursue. There is a lawnisation issue at Beck's Green that he asked members to look at. **Action: ALL**

8.2 Due to the wet weather, overwintering areas have yet to be cut but will be once conditions allow.

Action: T B-F

8.3 There appears to be a scrap car and caravan by the cottages on Blacksmith's Common. JP will contact Sam Brown for information. **Action: JP**

9. Issues

9.1 T B-F has yet to construct the proposed pedestrian access at Blacksmith's Common.

Action: T B-F

9.2 The apple tree planted on Blacksmith's Common has been removed.

10. Proposed Solar Farm Shipmeadow

10.1 It was agreed that the Board would wait until a planning application has been submitted before considering this issue.

11. Summer Field Trip

11.1 CR agreed to organise the summer field trip, the where and when to be decided. **Action: CR**

12. Any Other Business

12.1 CR reported that Simon Topham has been briefed about strimming gateways, pedestrian accesses and pond fronts and Brian Andrews will cut the permissive paths as and when necessary.

12.2 Board members were asked to keep an eye out for thistles.

Action: ALL

12.3 The existing bench at Great Common Pond south is in a poor state. It will be replaced with the spare bench that T B-F has in storage. **Action: T B-F**

13. Date of the Next Meeting

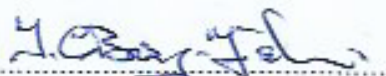
13.1 The date of the next Board meeting will be on Monday 10th July 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.35 hours.

J Bedwell
8th May 2023

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